

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 241

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Haley Katherine Stinnett,  
2007 Valedictorian of William Blount High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Haley Katherine Stinnett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at William Blount High School (WBHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Stinnett has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Haley has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous other accolades; she attended the Governor's School for the Humanities; received the DAR Good Citizen Award and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award; participated in Youth Leadership Blount; was recognized as a WBHS Leader and Achiever and a WBHS Scholar; took second place in the Chilhowee Club Poetry Contest; and placed first in Statistics in Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association regional competition; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she has served with distinction as the Student Representative on the Blount County School Board, a member of the WBHS Student Council, and as a SCOPE Delegate; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Haley has been a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the

Thespian Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, WBHS Scholars Bowl Team, National English Honor Society, Junior Classical League, and the First Baptist Church of Maryville Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, she has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including Upward Basketball, Reaching Out To Our Community, Maryville City Schools Fund, and peer teaching; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stinnett's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success as a student at East Tennessee State University, where she will continue her education through the auspices of an honors scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Haley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Gary and Rhonda Stinnett, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Haley Stinnett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Haley Katherine Stinnett, 2007 William Blount High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.